

**CLAIMS**

1. Portable electronic apparatus comprising  
a sensor for sensing the portable electronic apparatus coupled in intimate proximity to a rest, and  
inhibiting means responsive to the sensor sensing absence of said intimate proximity to the rest for automatically inhibiting operation of the portable electronic apparatus.
2. Portable electronic apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the sensor and locking means are operative for a power on mode of the portable electronic apparatus.
3. Portable electronic apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the inhibiting means is adapted to inhibit access to information stored in the portable electronic apparatus.
4. ~~Portable electronic apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the portable electronic apparatus comprises a radio telephone.~~
5. ~~Portable electronic apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the inhibiting means is adapted to inhibit making an outgoing call from the radio telephone.~~
6. ~~Portable electronic apparatus according to claim 4, further comprising a memory means for storing subscriber identity information, wherein the inhibiting means is adapted to inhibit access to subscriber identity information stored in the memory means.~~
7. Portable electronic apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the rest is a base unit.
8. Portable electronic apparatus according to claim 7, further comprising a rechargeable power supply, and wherein the sensor is adapted to sense the portable electronic apparatus coupled in intimate proximity to a base unit comprising a charging unit.

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